**Presence of Chinese Submarines in Indian Ocean**

1024. SHRI P. UPENDRA : Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state : state :

(a) whether Chinese submarines have been spotted in the Mergue archipelago in the Andaman sea; and

(b) if so, what steps Government are taking to protect Indian Ocean region from increased Chinese presence ?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI SHARAD PAWAR) : (a) No confirmed informaion is available with the Government.

(b) The Government constantly monitor all developments that have a bearing on the national security.

**Compulsion for Defence Aircraft to Follow Airfield Rules**

1025. SHRI JOHN F. FERNANDES : Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that defence aircraft are compelled to follow the rules laid down by International Civil Aviation Organisation at all airfields specially at the airports used by Civil Aircraft;

(b) if so, whether these rules are adhered to by the defence pilots as non-adherense to these rules creats high air safety risk, specially in the vicinity of Civil Airports;

(c) the number of cases that are pending for enquiry with his Ministry about non-adherence of these rules; and

(d) whether DGCA are permitted to be party in such enquiries ?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI SHARAD PAWAR) : (a) Air Traffic Services in the IAF airfileds generally conform to the standards and recommended practices of ICAO when they do not conflict with the operational requirements of the IAF.

(b) Defence aircraft, when operating in the vicinity of civil airports, are under the positive control of Air Traffic Control and do not create any air safety risk.

(c) Nil.

(d) Enquiries into incidents/accidents which involve both civil and military aircraft are conducted by the IAF associating a representative of the DGCA.

**Inspection of Defence Aircraft by DGCA**

1026. SHRI JOHN F. FERNANDES : Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the Defence Force maintained airports, which are also used by civil aircraft, are not allowed to be inspected by DGCA to examine the navigational and ground aids at the airfields, which have a great risk to the civil Aviation;

(b) if so, the number of such cases of refusal of requests that have come to the notice of his Ministry during the last two years;

(c) whether his Ministry received any such complaints from Civil Aviation Ministry; and

(d) if so, what is the number of such requests that are pending ?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI SHARAD PAWAR) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

**Financial assistance for Food Processing Plant at Salem, Tamil Nadu**

1027. SHRI TINDIVANAM G. VENKATRAMAN : Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 1031 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 20th July, 1992 and state :

(a) whether the Central Government are giving any financial aid to Tamil Nadu for its Food Processing Unit in Salem to preserve the Special variety of Mangoes during the season; and

(b) if so, what norms are followed for the grant of such aid of loan ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI GIRIDHAR GOMANGO) : (a) No proposal for financial assistance has been received in the Ministry from the Government of Tamil Nadu for food processing unit in Salem for preserving special variety of mango during the season.

(b) Financial assistance under the plan scheme formulated by this Ministry is provided for viable proposals received through the State Government for establishment or upgradating fruits and vegetable processing facilities upto a maximum of 50% (60% in industrially backward districts, 75% in ITDP districts, north-eastern and hilly states) of the non-recurring cost if they are set up by the State government undertakings, cooperatives, autonomous bodies, etc. In case of joint sector projects the assistance under the scheme is limited to 50% of the amount required to be paid by the State Government Undertaking. In case of assisted/private sector units that are to be set up in the rural areas, financial assistance upto 15% of the promoters share/equity could be made available by way of seed capital/equity to meet the part of the capital cost subject to a ceiling of Rs. 15 lakhs per unit. Preferences are given to export oriented units.

**Food Processing Industries in Andhra Pradesh**

1028. DR. YELAMANCHILI SIVAJI : Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state :

(a) what steps have been taken by Government to augment food processing industries in Andhra Pradesh;

(b) whether there are any specific proposals from the State Government, A.P.I.D.C. or private agencies in this regard; and

(c) if so, what are the details thereof and what is the stage of their consideration ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI GIRIDHAR GOMANGO) : (a) Government has provided several incentives for setting up food processing industries. These include delicensing subject to satisfaction of locational parameters, reliefs in union excise and customs duties, automatic permission for foreign equity participation upto 51% (100% in the case of NRIs and OCBs), etc. This Ministry has also formulated several developmental plan schemes for providing assistance for setting up of food processing industries in the joint sector/co-operatives/state government organisations, etc. In addition the government of Andhra Pradesh also provides several incentives for setting up certain food processing industries which include investment subsidy in certain areas, sales tax exemption upto a period of 5 years and power subsidy for an initial period of 3 years etc.

(b) and (c) Details of proposals received and assistance provided are attached as statement.

**STATEMENT**

DETAILS OF PROPOSALS FOR ASSISTANCE RECEIVED FROM THE GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH

| Year | Assistance sought | Assistance provided |
|---|---|---|
| 1991-92 | Andhra Pradesh Meat and Poultry Development Corpn. Ltd., Hyd., for establishing a Poultry Processing Plant in the State. | Rs. 76.5 lakhs as equity share capital and a Loan of Rs. 41.5 lakhs. |
| Do. | Deptt. of Horticulture Govt. of Andhra Pradesh for development of infrastructure for mushroom cultivation and processing. | Grant-in-aid for Rs. 2.047 lakhs. |
| Do. | Deptt. of Horticulture, Govt. of Andhra Pradesh for mushroom laboratory and processing units. | Grant-in-aid for Rs. 32.25 lakhs. |